

REMARKS

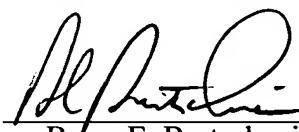
Applicants have amended the specification by inserting headings as appropriate and by revising the abstract to a form more conventional in this country. Applicants have also amended the claims to remove non-statutory claims and to eliminate improper multiple dependent claims. No new matter has been added, nor has the claim scope been narrowed by these amendments.

Early action allowing claims 1-12 and 14-21 is solicited.

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